

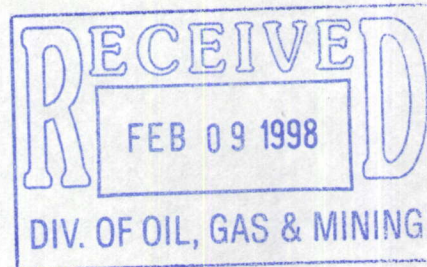


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RE: Revision of M/037/084 - Papoose Limestone Mine  
San Juan County

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Cotter Corporation, through a reconfiguration of our crushing plant, has discovered that we need extra width within the Papoose Mine pit. The main change has been the addition of a radial arm stacking conveyor, which is under-utilized at present.

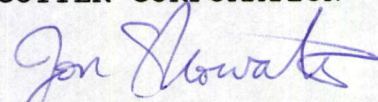
The enclosed "Notice of Intention to Revise Mining Operations," will increase our pit width by approximately 200 feet, allowing full use of our present plant.

We have been careful to keep our permitted area at 20 acres so no additional bonding should be required. An archaeological consultant is being sought to survey the new permit area. Mr. John Blake at State Lands has been sent a copy of the enclosed form MR-REV and all other leaseholders have been informed of our intention. Since our basic plan of operation is unchanged, we have not contacted the Divisions of Air or Water Quality.

In 1995, we cored several holes to the southeast of the pit under exploration notice #EXP/037/087. Three of the holes along with 500 feet of drill road are on the portion of the permit area we wish removed. The holes are plugged and the disturbance has self reclaimed over the years. However, we plan to seed with the new mixture this spring.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dave Diss at Cotter's Nucla, Colorado office, P.O. Box 700, 81424 or call 970-864-7347.

Sincerely,  
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